



California Tubbs Island

Facility and Location

The Army Air Forces initially acquired this site as a machine gun range to train fighter pilots in ground gunnery. There were ten strafing targets. P-38, P-39, and P-63 aircraft from Hamilton Field and Santa Rosa Army Airfield fired .30 and .50 caliber machine guns on the site. They also fired 20mm and 37mm cannons, though visual evidence indicated these were all inert practice rounds. Aircraft also dropped miniature practice bombs and fired a small number of inert 2.25 inch sub-caliber aircraft rockets.

The range was closed in October 1945 at the end of World War II and returned to private ownership. Although documents showed there were plans to reacquire the range in 1948, this did not occur. The range is now owned by the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District (VSFCD) and leased for oat farming. VSFCD also uses the land to spread biosolids from their treatment plant. Both the current owner and the Archives Search Report team observed expended miniature practice bombs, but none with an intact spotting charge have ever been reported.

Media Sampled and Findings

Surface Water — In 2008, three of three samples detected perchlorate from 0.02 to 0.08 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.